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SUBJECT: "PRG" LIAISON OFFICE IN GENEVA: NON-HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES

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1. BASLER NATIONAL ZEITUNG APRIL 4 PUBLISHED STORY BY ITS
GENEVA CORRESPONDENT ON RELIEF EFFORTS IN SOUTH VIETNAM,
AND INCLUDED QUOTES FROM APPARENT INTERVIEW WITH CHIEF OF
PRG LIAISON OFFICE IN GENEVA, PHAM VAN BA. ACCORDING TO
THIS STORY, PHAM HAS REQUESTED AID FOR THE "ONE MILLION
REFUGEES AND TWO MILLION CHILDREN" IN PRG-OCCUPIED AREAS
FROM "MANY GOVERNMENTS." THAM ADDED THAT IN NAME OF THE
PRG RED CROSS HE HAD APPROACHED UNICEF, ICRC, WORLD
COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN GENEVA, INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR
THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN, AND THE NON-GOVERNMENTAL, LEFTIST
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT CENTER IN GENEVA.

2. PHAM FURTHER INDICATED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WAS INTERESTED
ONLY IF "SELFLESS" ASSISTANCE. HE CRITICIZED THE U.S.
"HULLABALOO" ABOUT REFUGEES AND ADDED THAT THE PRG WOULD NOT
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STAND BY "WHILE THE RESISTANCE OF SAIGON IS REORGANIZED UNDER

COVER OF INTERNATIONAL (HUMANITARIAN) ASSISTANCE."

3. ON ITS FACE, IT APPEARS FROM ARTICLE THAT PHAM IS EXCEEDING HIS MANDATE WHICH IS CONFINED TO LIAISON WITH UN BODIES. MOREOVER, HIS CRITICISM OF THE US HAS STRONGPOLITICAL OVERTONES.

4. IF DEPARTMENT WISHES, WE CAN TAKE UP THIS MATTER WITH THE SWISS GOVERNMENT, THOUGH WE BELIEVE IT WILL BE ONLY FOR THE RECORD. IN CURRENT ATMOSPHERE, SWISS AUTHORITIES WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY NOT MAKE FINE DISTINCTION BETWEEN UN AND NON-UN ORGANIZATIONS SO LONG AS PHAM'S ACTIVITIES ARE IN THE GENERAL AREA OF HUMANITARIAN CONCERNS. SIMILARLY, WE INCLINED TO BELIEVE THAT GOS WOULD ONCE AGAIN CLOSE ONE EYE TO PHAM'S CRITICISM OF US "IMPERIALISM" SINCE IT WAS IN CONTEXT OF A HUMANITARIAN ISSUE. IF DEPARTMENT DECIDES THAT WE SHOULD REGISTER OUR CONCERN TO GOS ON THIS MATTER, WE BELIEVE THAT OUR DEMARCHE SHOULD BE CONFINED TO SECOND POINT. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE, MOREOVER, THAT MOST EFFECTIVE MEANS OF GETTING AT SWISS ON THIS ISSUE IS FOR UNSYG TO TAKE A STRONG STAND ON THE MATTER.

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